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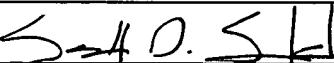
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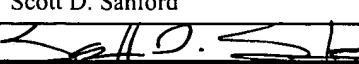
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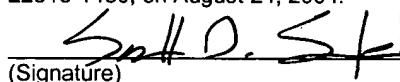
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This RESPONSE is in reply to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification mailed August 11, 2004 (copy enclosed). The Office of Patent Publication/Publishing Division has notified Applicants of the following inconsistencies between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the above-identified application:

- (1) Figure 5 is listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings; and
- (2) Figure 5A is contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Enclosed with this RESPONSE is new drawing sheet 7/50 to correct the above-identified inconsistencies. The new drawing sheet 7/50 includes Fig. 5, and replaces the originally filed drawing sheet 7/50 including Fig. 5A.

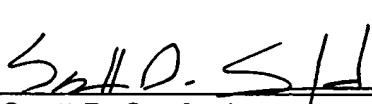
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Respectfully submitted,

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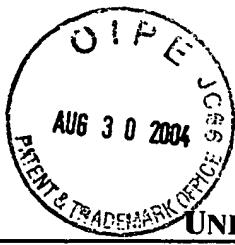
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NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

The drawings filed 04-03-01 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figures 5 are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figures 5A are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer**, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

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